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SUBJECT: WADI DAWASIR STUDY TEAM

1. PURSUANT TO MESSAGES TELEXED TO USREP/JECOR ON MAY 1 AND 2, JOHN PUTMAN, TEAM LEADER, GLENN BROWN AND THAD MC LAUGHLIN PLAN ARRIVE JIDDA ON JUNE 2 ON SV 531. REMAINDER OF TEAM, COMPOSED OF MESSRS. LINK, STRINGHAM, AND GUDGEL PLAN ARRIVE ONE WEEK LATER IN RIYADH ON JUNE 9, SV 537.

2. WE REGRET LACK OF TWO WEEK NOTICE OF EXACT ARRIVAL DATES OF FIRST PORTION OF TEAM. DELAY DUE TO QUESTIONS RE TEAM COMPOSITION. BIOS OF TEAM MEMBERS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO OBAID.

3. ADVANCE GROUP PLANS CONSULT WITH EMBASSY AND USGS STAFF FOR DAY OR TWO AND THEN PROCEED TO RIYADH TO ASSIST IN FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR TEAM EFFORT.

4. RE ACCOMMODATIONS JIDDA: DR. BROWN HAS REQUESTED USGS DIRECTLY TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONSULTING WITH USGS TO CONFIRM THEY ARE AVAILABLE. IN RIYADH, PLEASE DETERMINE IF TRANSIENT QUARTERS, EITHER
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US OR SAG, WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TEAM IN LIEU OF HOTEL.

TEAM PLANS SPEND FOUR WEEKS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

5. AT FIRST PLANNING MEETING LAST WEEK TEAM SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING AS A TENTATIVE SCENARIO: (A) FIRST WEEK - ORIENTATION MINISTRY OPERATIONS; BRIEFING BY SAUDI TEAM MEMBERS; REVIEW OF DATA ORGANIZED BY SAUDI TEAM MEMBERS. (B) SECOND-THIRD WEEK - VISIT ONE OR MORE ONGOING PROJECTS SUCH AS AL KHARJ OR HOFOF; VISIT WADI DAWASIR. (C) BEGINNING FOURTH WEEK - TEAM BREAK UP INTO GROUPS FOR SPECIALIZED WORK; I.E., WATER RESOURCES, LAND RESOURCES, PRODUCTION AND ECONOMICS. INTERGROUP MEETING INTERSPERSED AS NEEDED. SCENARIO TO BE FINALIZED WHEN TEAM LEADER ARRIVES RIYADH.

6. WE ASSUME SAUDI TEAMMEMBERS IDENTIFIED AND HAVE BEGUN ORGANIZING DATA FOR TEAM USE.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION AND ADVICE OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR TEAM, PARTICULARLY RE PARAS 3, 4, AND 5, ABOVE.

8. THIS MESSAGE TELEXED TO USREP/JECOR FOR PASSAGE TO TAHER OBEID. INGERSOLL

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